

Phil^a. Nov. 6/43

Dear Friend:

I accept - tho' with a good deal of reluctance - your offer of 30 copies of the forthcoming "Liberty Bell", for leave to have printed from my plate - without alteration of the engraving - 500 copies of 'Lucy's Note'. -

There was a remark in one of your letters to which I must take exception, but by silence I should imply its correctness. I don't remember the precise words but the import - taking into view the connection in which it stood - was that the dissatisfaction I had expressed in reference to some things in N York, was attributable to a feeling on my part that my "brother's services had not been appreciated". Now certainly such an inference was not deducible from anything in the letter to which yours was a reply, nor from anything I ever wrote or said to any one; and besides it is altogether inconsistent with the fact

In your reply to my question, which was in

substance - whether anything wd probably be done
at the Dec^r meeting to give us a more efficient
National Com^{tee}. you say you "wd like to sit down
and talk the matter over with the N York friends,
the Phil^a. friends, the Western & Central N York friends,
but that it does not seem a thing to (you) to fight
out at a special meeting." - Of course it is
not a thing to "fight out" at a "special" or any
other meeting, but is there no way of carrying
an evil in the Society or adopting an important
measure for its benefit, without "fighting". I wd
think that something might be done to put
our National Society on a better footing, and
to promote a better understanding among its
members without this unpleasant resort.

You say you like "Our children learn much". So
as I if you are emphatic too strongly the word
"much". It is a very bad word, which you seem
to think a right thing, exceeds my worst fears,
and strikes me as too palpable for the organ of
a Society which professes like ours to be entirely
impartial.

I don't like all you say of "Liberty-party". You
in Mass. may find in that party your "most rabid
opponents", but such is not the case with us in

^{I imagine}
Phil^d?, ^{now} with our friends in N York, ^{now} with
our friends west of the mountains. — Again, it
may be best to make "down with Liberty-bells
or as ^{the} "watchword" of the Am. Assoc^{ies}
as at present constituted," but I can't see it
so, nor do I believe can 9/10 of the true abolition
ists of the U.S. see it so, and this latter fact I con-
sider strong presumptive proof of the unwise-
ness of the course.

— Now I have time for nothing more just
now. Let me know when you want the
L. Note Reake, & you shall have it. We
should like to know who all are coming
from Western to the Dec^r m^y.

Yours truly

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